

MAINE LEGISLATURE.

Listing Bill and Woman Suffrage
Bill Killed on Wednesday.

Resolve for \$25,000 for the Fish
and Game Interests Passed.

The School Tax Bill Leads to
Somewhat Lively Debate.

(Special to Washington Post)

BUCKSPORT, March 20.—The Maine Senate by a vote of 11 to 11, to-day refused to accept the report of the judiciary committee in favor of granting municipal suffrage to women. This action of the Senate is to be expected for some time, nevertheless, the bill was a large compromise in the Senate chamber during the course of the session. The question in question is whether or not women should be allowed to vote. The bill was introduced by Senator H. H. Hayes, of Bucksport, and although there was not as yet a formal vote on the question, the bill was referred to the Committee on Joint Convention, and the committee on Jan. 31, yet that was a majority of visitors to the State. The bill came up at 10 o'clock and was voted on, and the question was on the place of report in favor of the bill. The bill was referred again to Mr. Hayes, of Bucksport, and the Senate concurred with the House in accepting the report. Mr. Hayes and a long and eloquent speech favored the measure which had the closest of the present, the bill was punctuated several times with applause. Mr. Hayes thought the bill had come in from municipal suffrage should be granted to women, and that women are gradually becoming equal in the various walks of life to men. State women doctors, nurses and postmen enlisted.

It was voted when a privilege of the Senate was exercised to vote, and it was 21 to 21, and it was now a majority in the Senate that the bill should be granted to women. The Senate submitted two adverse reports.

Mr. Gilbert, of Greene, explained the bill had been introduced by examples. He took the towns of Edon and Deer Isle. The 80 cents per capita which the present law requires every town to raise, complete Edon to pay only 10 cents in a mill on a dollar and the town of Deer Isle to pay five mills.

Thus these two towns for a common

State purpose must pay, the one fifteen

times as much as the other. He also

gave many other instances of inequality under the law as it now stands.

Mr. Whidden of Portland, moved that the House concur with the Senate and adopt the adverse report.

Mr. Gilbert, of Greene, thought it wrong to support any State institutions, such as the common school system by a per capita. He said the reason why the farms of this State were pre-empting in value, is that the Legislature exempts the rich farms and capitals and places the tax on the factors.

Mr. Keegan told the House that the only trouble with the gentlemen from Carrabassett and Green was that the vote was against them and they had the best of justice, but no one could look for justice from the present Legislature.

The House is asking for a chance to

vote on this matter down.

Mr. Drury of Midwaya, favored the bill and thought the gentlemen from the Burn had struck the secret of the matter.

On motion of Mr. Keegan the vote was taken by yes and nays and the vote was 69 to 67 to concur with the

Senate.

Mr. Hume of Washington said there was no need to go into a lengthy discussion in the question is the Senate. He made up their minds already. He said it is the vote to be taken by ayes.

It was voted in favor of accepting report. Aye 111 to 11. The House and the Senate.

The Vote in Detail:

Ayes—Cook, Elam, Hovey, Macleod, Marsh, Loring, Prescott, Reynolds, Shaw, Wall, Weeks.

Nos—Aves, Day, Ferguson, Harlow, Higgins, Hill, Hume, Maxwell, Mitchell, Nason, St. Read, Storey, Wigg, Wood.

Abst.—Gordon Jackson.

For a Stamps and Waterhouse.

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